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SUPPLEMENTARY COMMENTS ON OSI

It is recommended that the Office of Scientific Intelligence be transferred from DDI to DDR for a number of compelling reasons discussed with you. OSI would continue to use the DDI as its primary channel for reporting substantive intelligence and contributing to National Intelligence problems. This daily OSI support to OCI would work precisely as it now does. Scientific and technical contributions to the Board of National Estimates would go directly to ONE through the USIB Committees as they now do. OSI would continue to participate in interdisciplinary DDI memoranda via the Panel mechanism recently established. It would be hoped that OSI could stay integrated physically with the rest of DDI.

However, the DDI would be relieved of the management responsibility for OSI. OSI would be set in a scientific and technical environment which for management reasons is now absolutely essential. Selection of supervisors for OSI and decisions on re-organization would be made in an atmosphere of thorough understanding of its problem and common professional experience. I believe that

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such an arrangement could be made to work and would have several important benefits. Joint use of contractors [redacted]

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[redacted] would be simplified and bring analysis/development contracts under the general R&D budget review mechanism (see above). Joint use of the scientific computing center in DDR (see above) and its capabilities would be extremely useful. It would also facilitate short term utilization of OSI personnel on technical collection development and operations without requiring organizational boundary crossing. We are all agreed that a periodic rotation of scientific personnel between analysis development is highly desirable and now could be accomplished more easily and naturally within the same organization. An organizational fusing of analysis and development (not reporting) would ensure prompt technical feedback from foreign developments to our own programs.

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Such a joint would

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enhance the contribution of OSI air defense analysis to current and future OSA development programs.

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